

**Do Not Waste
Your Life...**

I Will Live the Life of the Ages

Present Age

Ephesians 1:4

Ages Past

“that we
should be holy
and without
blemish before
Him in love”

Romans 8:29

“ For whom He foreknew, He also
foreordained to be conformed to
the image of His Son...”

“Lie not because we have put
off the old man...” (Col. 3:9)

**Right relationship
with fellow Christians**

“Lie not because we are
members one of another”
(Eph. 4:25)

Future Ages

Colossians 3:10

“...Being renewed unto
knowledge after the image
of Him that created him”

Putting Christ First In Our Thinking About Others

Col. 3:11

1. In Christ we are not making distinctions according to **ethnicity**: we are neither *Jew or Gentile* – distinguished as *circumcised or uncircumcised*.
2. In Christ we are not making distinctions on the basis of our **culture** – neither *barbarian or Scythian* different language, different manners
3. In Christ we are not making distinctions on the basis of **cultural status** *bondman or freeman...*
4. How we think... **Christ “is all”** ... we make distinctions according to Christ and whether He is **“in all.”** This unifying thought is what molds our thinking

What Does This Mean In My Life ?

Life For the ages is Lived From The Heart

Col. 3:12

1. From the **HEART OF GOD** – who loves us, as His elect, conforming to living holy lives as God envisioned before creation.
2. From a **Heart of COMPASSION** – from the depths of our being where tender mercies reside, we manifest **KINDNESS**, giving of ourselves with the best of motives.
(I Jn. 3:16-17; Titus 3:4; I Pet. 4:9)
3. From a Heart of **LOWLINESS** (Humility) – producing **MEEKNESS** (Phil. 2:3; Eph. 4:2, 2 Tim. 2:25, Gal. 5:23, 6:1)

Life For the ages is Lived With Inward SELF-CONTROL Col. 3:13

1. **LONGSUFFERING** – long tempered, a long fuse, we are patient with others. (2 Tim. 4:2); (2 Cor. 6:6)
2. **FORBEARANCE** – (1 Cor. 4:12) absorb the hurtful blows (ex. Moses- Meekness- Numbers 12:1-8)
3. This combination of self-control is **a blessing to imperfect Christians** (Galatians 5:22, 1 Cor. 13:4,7)

Life For the ages Offers CHRIST-LIKE FORGIVENESS

1. As the Lord forgives us: when we repent – we are to forgive others (Luke. 17:3; Matt. 6:14-15).
2. Manifesting LOVE which forms the perfect bond
bond of perfectness – Col. 3:14
bond of peace – Eph. 4:3
If you remember a brother has aught against you – go to him seeking reconciliation. If someone has sinned against you- go to him pointing out his or her sin so the sinner can repent and seek your forgiveness. (Matt.5:23-24, Matt. 18:15)

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Let **THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS**

(Col. 3:15)

Christ is our peace (Eph. 2:14)

Through Him we can have the forgiveness of sin and have peace with God.

we know of this peace through the calling of the Gospel

we comprise the one unifying body as the church belong to Christ.

Life For the ages Is Lived with THANKFULNESS

1. Thankfulness to God for his plan of the ages in how we live among others, especially our brethren in Christ.
2. Thankfulness instead of murmuring and complaining over the demands of God in how we live as Christians
(Phil. 2:14-15).
3. Thankfulness for being a servant to others like Jesus Our Lord (Mark 10:44-45).